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SUMMARY. IN PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 16 PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU CONFIRMED AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE BY WHICH TURKISH SIDE WILL SUB-
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MIT PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM TO UNSYG, SAID HE WAS MORE CAUTIOUS THAN OPTIMISTIC, REPORTED THAT FULL AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN REACHED ON MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE, AND DECLARED THAT GOC WOULD INSIST ON THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN ANY SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY AFTER

UNSYG WALDHEIM'S DEPARTURE JAN 16 TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS DURING LATTER'S VISIT. IN OPENING STATEMENT, SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES, PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

.. TALKS WITH WALDHEIM WERE VERY USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND COVERED BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. BASIC AIM OF VISIT WAS TO EXPLORE RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BUT EMPHASIS WAS ALSO GIVEN TO QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS. INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE HAD NOT YET BEEN SET UP BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE. SYG WOULD PURSUE EFFORTS TO GET COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING SHORTLY. KYPRIANOU ALSO ASKED SYG TO PURSUE IMPLEMENTATION BY TURKISH SIDE OF AGREEMENT REACHED AT GENEVA ON ENCLAVED GREEKS IN KARPAS AREA. .. GOC POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED. SETTLEMENT MUST BE REACHED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF UN RESOLUTIONS AND MUST PROVIDE FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF SETTLEMENT, AND RIGHTS TO PROPERTY. THESE PRINCIPLES WOULD NEVER BE RENOUNCED BY GOC. ..IT WAS AGREED THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO SYG, WHO WOULD THEN CONSULT WITH PARTIES. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD PERMIT THOROUGH PREPARATION TO ENSURE ANY RESUMPTION OF TALKS WOULD BE MEANINGFUL. SYG WOULD DECIDE AFTER THESE CONSULTATIONS WHETHER AND WHEN TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. .. IT IS TOO EARLY TO SPEAK OF OPTIMISM; CAUTION IS MORE APPROPRIATE. GOC HOPES TURKISH SIDE WILL BE FORTHCOMING BUT IS PREPARED EITHER FOR AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OR LONG STRUGGLE.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITIONAL POINTS;

.. MERE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS BY TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM AND WOULD IN NO WAY JUSTIFY LIFTING OF EMBARGO BY US CONGRESS. .. TURKEY SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE IS CORRECT ONE, BUT DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN NICOSIA AND ANKARA COULD BE HELPFUL. HE WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH ECEVIT. .. IT WAS UP TO TURKISH SIDE TO SUBMIT NEW PROPOSALS; GREEK SIDE WOULD NOT DO SO. .. HE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO LUNCH WITH DENKTASH DESPITE RESERVATIONS, AT INSISTENCE OF SYG. TO REFUSE WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED IN INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES AS NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO POSITIVE GESTURE. IN ANY CASE, LUNCHEON PROVED USEFUL IN THAT IT PERMITTED DISCUSSION OF MISSING PERSONS AND AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF TURKISH PROPOSALS. .. IN CASE OF ANY SETTLEMENT, GOC WILL INSIST ON WIDEST POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES. .. THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT FOR A FURTHER MEETING WITH DENKTASH. .. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT AN EARLY VISIT BY CLARK CLIFFORD WOULD TAKE PLACE. .. THE GUIDELINES WORKED OUT LAST FEBRUARY BY MAKARIOS AND

DENKTASH FOR A SETTLEMENT REMAIN VALID.

.. GOC STILL PLANS ANOTHER RECOURSE TO SECURITY COUNCIL BUT
WILL WAIT TO SEE RESULTS OF SYG'S INITIATIVE. IF
INITIATIVE FAILS, GOC WILL NOT ONLY RETURN TO SC BUT ALSO WILL
RECONSIDER ALL ITS POLICIES AND PROPOSALS.
.. ANY PROPOSALS TABLED BY TURKISH SIDE MUST BE NEGOTIABLE.
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